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thieves rather than repei them, says a New York exchange, but a certain wealthy connoisseur and collector attributes the repulse of a recent burglar raid upon his property entirely to the faithfulness of a favorite statue. This was a life-size figure of a Japanese woman which he brought home on his last trip to the tsland empire. It is carved with wonderful skill out of white wood, then

colored with pigments to the requisite and varied life tints, provided with bair, teeth, eyebrous, and finally dressed in the proper robes of a high-born Japanese belle. Thus created and accourred, milady of the almond eyes stands in a bay window facing toward the outside world. The other morning the early parlor maid found the front windows in the bay directly opposite Miss Japan had been forced open and raised sufficiently to admit the passage of a man. Tracks were found outside, and a burned match floor inside. Nothing had been

however, anywhere, and there was in vidence to show that the burglars had penetrated further than just within the window, trated further than just within the window, while the tracks receding across the farm idea is erroneous, however. She possesses were those of a running man. So far as the most conclusive circumstantial evidence could establish, the midnight marauder had accurred an entrance, struck a match to get the face of the struck and face of the face of the struck and struck and face of the struck and struck and face of the struck and st with a young woman, apparently advancing toward him. In the uncertain light her wooden origin, that almost defles the test

Lady Henry Somerset has once again come

into public notice as the owner of a tract of ground at Somers Town-a neighborhood within the limits of the city of London, and which is covered with old, dilapidated dwellings. The authorities have officially declared the region a "condemned, insanitary area," but there appears to be no law under which the structures can be razed or the tenants compelled to seek other quar-The place has come into notice from the fact that five inquests have been held within the last month upon people who have died suddenly or from accident within the area. It is not claimed that Lady Henry Somerset is directly responsible for existing conditions, but it is contended that in view of her considerable wealth it would be an easy matter for her to buy off the present leases of her ground and cause the polluted buildings to be either razed or reconstructed.

Faure appeared at her husband's side at the opera and at the Theater Fran-cais when entertaining the royal guests Madame had four new gowns in honor of the czarina's visit. Two were made of the richest of Lyons fabries, another was o ciel blue satin with panels of white rose embroidery in diamonds, pearls and rhine-stones, so that the satin literally stood alone in its richness. A gown which at-tracted a great deal of attention at a function given in honor of the czarina was of the heaviest velvet, touched with grayish tints. All over the surface of the gown were the petals of chrysanthemums embroidered in their natural colors. There were flowers on each shoulder, and the heart of each flower was a diamond, showing flashes of light with each movement of the graceful name is to keep her condition forever the

One of the most admired gowns of the One of the most admired gowns of the czarina was trimmed throughout with a bordering of chrysanthenum petals done in garnets and rubies, the two stones making the proper shading to form the petals, and this was one of the most becoming tollettes worn by her majesty.

A great many people noted with surprise the small amount of biographical matter printed about "Gail Hamilton" at the time of her death. As a fact, very few news papers had any extended obituary on file. and it was difficult to obtain the necessary material. The reason for this can be explained by an abstract from a hitherto unpublished letter of Miss Bodge, written by er to a Boston acquaintance when the lat ter, in fulfilling his duties as a newspape correspondent, wrote to her for a brief story of her life. These were her words in reply, says the Critic Lounger: "In declining to furnish you with material for a sketch of my life for publication. I set not from caprice, but on unvarying principle. Every person has a right to his own privacy. What he himself puts before the public in book or periodicals belongs to the public, which has full right to read, reject, criticise. But has personality belongs to himself. To vio-late this law of private right is an outrage. I deprecate no severity of literary criti-cism. I resent, and, as far as possible, re-pel interference with private right. There many persons, perhaps, who feel differ y. If any such choose to be biographe. during life, their taste may be questioned biographer is guiltless. I objec-

An entirely unexpected complication has risen in Paris over the publication of eorge Sand's love letters, preliminary extracts of which have been given lately to the French press. The most important of the letters were to Alfred de Mussel, but there are also a number to the Italian doctor, Pagello, who, while professionally attending Musset when the latter and George Sand were at Venice in 1834, came to have a prineinal part in the romance himself. George Sand seems to have taken more interest in this brief liaison than in any of her other affairs of the kind. Her letters to Pagello are said to be the most striking in the col-lection, but it is unlikely that the public will ever see them, for Pagello turns out to be alive, and he protests bitterly against having his youth dragged up against him and his large and deeply respected family in this feshion. He avers that it is sixtytwo years since he saw or heard from George Sand, and it is believed that the French courts will agree with him in calling that

It was in 1890 when Arthur Balfour made his tour through the west of Ireland. He desired to see the most abjectly wretched portion of the congested districts, and was taken to Foxford, in County Mayo, and there found an object lesson of grim misery that could neither be surpassed nor for-

The history of the suffering inhabitants being noised abroad brought help from an unexpected quarter. Far in a distant convent the ery of distress had reached the Morrogh Bernard, and inspired her with what was deemed on all sides an Impossible and Utopian scheme—the rec-lamation of Foxford. Accompanied by some devoted nuns she visited the village, and in April, 1891, opened a convent of charity there. In a short time the national schools were handed over to her care and the oncedescrited class rooms began to refill rapidly when it was discovered that a free hot breakfast was the first item on the daily program. Then began the mental and physical education of the cottagers, who, to their honor be it said, needed no moral training, for in the length and breadth of the land purer and more blameless lives could not have been found. To guard against the distress which was the inevitable accompaniment of the winter months in Fox-ford, Mrs. Morrogh Bernard determined that some permanent means of employment must be found for the adult population.

The splendid water power of the river Moy that flowed by the convent offered a solution of the difficulty, and the establishment of a cloth and tweed factory was decided upon. A large part of the neces-sary funds was soon emberibed, some com-ing from the lord fleutenant, and the rest was raised at a rather high rate of interest. Buildings were immediately creeted, all the most approved modern machinery was purchased, and in April, 1892, work began in the Providence mills. From the first the people were eager to learn, and trained lustructors were provided for them. Industrial classes were also started for the bays and girls, and the whole community shook off its lethergy, making in six months an advance of fifty years.

The little stage-struck maid is always treated to awful tales of starvation, barn atorming and feroclous dramatic critics. But, while acting lant all "cakes and ate," or "Birds and champagne," still it isn't all hardship, as this list of fortunate players would seem to prove. It seems that as a

ulired a snug little fortune, which she has sut in Hariem and Brooklyn real estate. Della Fox owns a beautiful home in St. Louis, to say nothing of over \$100,000 in jewels. Emma Eames owns property in Paris. Clara Morria owns a heautiful homeup the Hudson. Helena Medjeska owns
property in New York, Colorado, Poland
and valuable ranch lands in California.
Fanny Rice bought Boston property with
her spare cash. Agnes Booth owns prop-Fanny Rice bought Boston property with her spare cash. Agnes Booth owns property around New York and has no difficulty in living within her income. Mme. Adelina Patti is the only member of the profession who lives in a castle—no stage affair, as anyone knows who has seen Craigey-Nos, in one of the most charming of Wales' many delightful spots of beauty. Mme. Patti also owns real estate in New York, France and England. Camille D'Arville has yery little England. Camille D'Arville has very little to say about what she owns, but she is of a thrifty disposition, and her income is by no means small. Mrs. Langiry is a firm believer in Chicago and New York. She owns valuable property in both places, and is easily worth \$500,000. Lillian Russell is a devout believer in creature comforts, and has the name of spending all she earns. This

could establish, the midnight marauder has accured an entrance, struck a match to get his bearings, and found himself face to face financier, she has invested in American securities of gilt-edged variety, besides because of real estate in various pering an owner of real estate in various por-tions of the country. Lotta is accredited with owning valuable real estate in every of searching sunlight, could not have been betrayed, and, thinking the household was warned, he had fled incontinently.

Lotta is accredited with owning valuable real estate in every large city to the United States. She is the warned, he had fled incontinently. wealthlest woman in the profession, and although she could live as elaborately as lesired with her enormous income, she lives plainly and is snything but extravagant. Christine Nilsson owns property in several large cities. She has a comfortable bank

> Throwing the slipper has an origin the verse of sontimental, and is a reminiscence those barbarous times when the relations of man and wife were much akin to those of master and slave. The shoe was an Anglo-Saxon emblem of authority, and was given by the bride's father to her husband in token of transference of power, which the groom acknowledged by tapping his bride lightly on the head with it as an earnest

account, and enjoys the good things of life.

the married state are numerous and curious, and most of them are purely feminine possession. As a preliminary there is a little difficulty about choosing a day, if this little verse is to be believed:

Monday for wealth, Tuesday for health, Wednesday, the best day of all; Thursday for crosses, Friday for losses, Saturday, no luck at all.

If a day has finally been chosen, then comes the question of season. "Marry in Lent, and you'll live to repent," takes that period out of consideration. Then each month has certain unlucky days in which marrying and giving in marriage is not to be thought of. Then there are other Sibyle utterances to which the prospec ride should pay heed; she must know that to change the name and not the letter ochange for the worse and not the better; also, that to marry and yet "to keep her own

When all these little obstacles are overome a bride in arraying berself for the eremony must be sure to wear

Something old and something new, Something borrowed and something blue, The sun must shine on her wedding day, and she must not trip on the way to the church, nor cross the threshold with the entiren, nor cross the threshold with the left foot first; the same applies to the bride-groom. No one must open an umbrella while the bridal pair are in the house; that would bring the worst of ill-luck. A horse-shoe and a wishboue hidden in the flowers under which the pair stand to plight their trath have a most calibrate influence on their troth have a most salutary influence on their

So if these who are contemplating matriony wish to secure the prize of happiness that lottery of lotteries, they have only o follow faithfully all the directions here

onstruction. The decoration starts from a was taken for granted that she should recopper ground, subdivided by wire soldered turn the magnificent gift later. on. A novelty is the Cloisonne walking stick on. A novelty is the Cloisonne walking stick with inscriptions made on wood at \$5. Clois
Every admirer of the little French beauty onne pieces, like bronzes, are among the im
Mile, Anna Held, discovers a new attraction of the little consummation of the little consummat perishable treasures. The most valuable of the smaller Cloisonne and Satsuma pieces are gathered in a chest. As a matter of fact all of this ware signed by the maker is never duplicated. The work of Nama Kawa would miss half her effectiveness. In t commands big prices, and much of his workings are so exquisite that the naked eye cannot discern the delicate copper lines and veins. Two exquisite bits of Satsuma, a line, crackled wate, are representative of this most expensive and valued foreign mods. One is a desiry how! with decoragoods. One is a disary bowl with decora-tion of hundreds of fishes, most beautifully figured in colors. Another is a bowl with little medallion figures finely worked on the outside, with an inside deceration of innuoutside, with an inside deceration of an income morable butterflies, all perfectly worked, although, many are not discernible to the naked eye. This piece, about the size of a tea cup, is valued at \$25. Countless ash and ard trays in this ware are shown.

The last thing in the way of specified entertalnments to be described is the progressive hammack party. It needs a lawn with plenty of trees and moonlight, and, of course, assorted pairs. The hammacks are numbered, and the men progress, each paying his court for ten minutes to the fair priestess of the swinging altar in turn. She casts her vote as to which wandering piler in has most amused her, and the fortunate one who receives the greatest number of below the crown of her bead. At the front, ate one who receives the greatest number of ballots gets the prize. This is manifestly unfair, for nine times out of ten the successful measuring conversationalist is so because of the skill and tact of his femi-

the woman, who, according to the votes of the visiting men, proved herself the mos-successful entertainer.

But isn't it funny that a company of persons can no longer meet for a conversation pure and simple? Hospitality now must take some distinctive form, often silly or bizarre, or it is not accepted. Hartford is preparing for a statue of Hartford is preparing for a statue of Hartford is Beecher Stowe. The statue of Emma Willard in Troy is the second ever erected in honor of a woman in this country. The first perpetuates the memory of "Margaret," a woman in New Orleans, who acted heroically in a time of epidemic, and did much for the orthogonal of New Orleans. did much for the orphans of New Orleans.

Women teachers and girl scholars were of small account in New York in early days, writes Alice Morse garle in The Book fluver. Girls did, however, attend the pul chools. We find Matthew Hillyer, setting forth in New York that he "h kept school for children of both sexus two years past to satisfaction." Dame schools existed, especially on Long Island, where English influences and Connecticut emigration obtained. In Flushing Elizabeth Cowperthwait was recorded with in 1681 for "schooling and die" for children;" and in 1683 she received for thirty weeks school. ing of "Martha Johanna," a scarlet petti-coat—truly a typical Dutch payment. A school bill settled by John Browne in Flushing in 1695 shows that 6d a week was paid to the teacher for each scholar who learned reading, while writing and cipher-ing cost is 2d a week. This, considering the

usual wages and prices of the times, was fair pay enough.

Miss Nellie Kuck, a 16-year-old girl, has won the bronze medal of the Royal Drawing Society of London this year. The drawing which obtained for Miss Kuck so distinguished a success is entitled "The Young St. Cerolia". It is a charmingly composed dec-Cecelia." It is a charmingly composed de orative panel, chiefly interesting by reaso of its original and novel manner of trea ment. Two years ago Miss Kuck we awarded Lord Leighton's prize for her dray ing, "The Mermaid," and last year she o tained the George Kekwich prize for an 'i lustration of "Undine."

Ressie Bellwood, the noted English music ball singer, is dead from syncope. Miss Bellwood was a tall young woman with a well-moulded figure. Her hair and eyes were dark, while there was a magnetism about her which never failed to attract her audiences. In England she was worshipped to lond her assistance and voice in the in terest of the poor, and often benefits which had been gotten up in the interest of some poor man had Miss Bellwood as the sole at traction. She always managed to carry the ightly on the head with it as an earnest f mastership.

The superstitions connected with entering he married state are numerous and curious, and most of them are purely feminine possession. As a preliminary there is a little liftculty about choosing a day, if this little entirely disinterested is a matter for questrant is to be believed. tion. She knew he was heir to a duke dom, and that his father's days were num bered. Her fury when he repudiated he upon becoming duke of Manchester kne no bounds. She swore that the first tim he set foot in London she would give him thrashing, and much interest in his advenwas felt in sporting circles. If the duk-ever heard of this threat he knew that she was able to carry it out, as she one rescued him from an infuriated creditor thrashed that gentleman, and paid a fine for it. The duke died of dissipation before he met the singer again.

Apropos of Mrs. Henrotin, president of the National Federation of Women's clubs, being so severely criticised for wearing a magnificent piece of Jewelry recently at the large eception at Atlania, Ga., many women claim ing that on account of said article having been presented by the sultan of Turkey it should be relegated at this time to a casket of jeweled curios, it is interesting to know that the sultan possesses one of the rares collections of jewels in the world. An American woman sometime ago was privileged to behold the old treasures of the casket-like reom of the seragilo at Constantinopl Numerous gilded bird cages are suspende from the frescoed celling studded with jewels, a jeweled clock being placed facdownward in the bottom of each canary' home. Some of the rarest gems of the collection are interwoven in embroidere texts from the Koran dane in rich red velve one of the most valuable parasols in world may be seen there. It is of white silk, embroidered with gold threads wrought at intervals with precious stones. The staff, however, has not its equal on the globe, being one long, true piece of coral. There are numerous beautiful necklaces. The display of china and glass bric-a-brac | The one with the most exquisite workman The one with the most exquisite workmanin the art pottery department of some of the
large china shops is always very fascinating
to femininity. The exquisite Cloisonne and
Satsuma comes under this head. The study
of Cloisonne is made interesting by samples
of the ware shown in different stages of
construction. The decoration starts from a

> Every admirer of the little French beauty stage art. Yet, notwithstanding this variet of opinions as to her most attractive point all agree that without her hair Mlie. Held would miss half her effectiveness. In the absence of that remarkable little coffure of hers "L'etolle de Paris" would be far from being the scintillating little beauty

> Mile. Held and her hair have created a new fashion. Every woman cannot have locks of the Held color and quality, but she can lay aside her curling tongs and try to convert her former frizzes into a loose, pretty fluff that shall form a setting for her face. And that is what half the women in New York are doing now. Some of them are succeeding, more are not; but as a move-ment in a new direction the effort is to be commended and encouraged.

During most of her stage work Mile. Held wears her hair locsely hanging, absolutely

nine companion in drawing him out. There a Japanese effect is given by three or four should certainly be another prize given to odd pins, stuck into puff at different angles.

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And whereas, the solicitors of the complainant have requested the undersigned special master designated in said decrees to make and conduct said saie. To fix the 23d lay of December, 1895, at 12 o'clock moor of that day, as the time for such saie.

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